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PROVIDER CATEGORIES FOR ON-SITE SYSTEM INSPECTION SERVICES **Updated February 2003**

Arizona Administrative Code (A.A.C.) R18-9-A316 specifies that 1) a Transfer Inspection shall be performed by a person possessing “working knowledge” of the “inspection process” and the type of on-site wastewater treatment facility that serves the property to be transferred, and 2) the Report of Inspection and Notice of Transfer of Ownership shall be prepared on a form approved by the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ). Use of ADEQ Form A316, which includes instructions on page 2, satisfies the latter requirement. In addition, ADEQ has prepared a recommended checklist for inspectors performing the Transfer Inspection. Both forms are downloadable from the ADEQ web site at: <http://www.adeq.state.az.us/enviro/water/permits/wastewater.html#new>.

ADEQ has determined that individuals in the following provider categories typically possess appropriate knowledge and skills to perform the indicated types of Transfer Inspections. Although not all individuals in a listed category may possess the appropriate qualifications, these categories do include many individuals who competently participate in the design, installation, and servicing of on-site systems and who possess the requisite knowledge and skills to perform inspections in accordance with the requirements of A.A.C. R18-9-A316.

A. Inspection of Conventional Septic Tank and Disposal Field Systems, Less Than 3,000 Gallons Per Day (gpd) Design Flow

1. An owner of a vehicle with a Human Excreta Collection and Transportation License issued pursuant to A.A.C. R18-8-613 (a seepage hauler or pumper).
2. A Grade 2 or higher Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator licensed pursuant to A.A.C. R18-5-112 through R18-5-114.
3. An Arizona Registered Sanitarian with 2 years of experience with on-site wastewater treatment facilities.
4. An Arizona-registered Professional Engineer who applies the technical knowledge and skill which would be applied by all other registrants who practice in the field of on-site wastewater treatment facilities.
5. A Licensed Contractor pursuant to A.A.C. R4-9-103 (B-4 and C-41 Residential License classifications), R4-9-102 (A, A-12, and L-41 Commercial License classifications), or R4-9-104 (KA and K-41 Dual License classifications) that is authorized to install and repair septic tank treatment and disposal systems, septic tanks, and leach fields.
6. A person who is otherwise certified or approved as having knowledge and skills in the field of on-site wastewater treatment facilities and associated ADEQ rules. This includes a person who has successfully completed relevant inspection training and whose name is listed by the following organization:

National Association of Wastewater Transporters, Inc. (NAWT) Onsite Sewage Treatment System Inspection Training and Certification Course: Inspectors certified by NAWT in Arizona may be found at <http://www.nawt.org/inspectors.html>.

B. Inspection of Alternative Systems That Employ Gravity Flow and No Mechanical Parts, Less Than 3,000 gpd Design Flow

1. An owner of a vehicle with a Human Excreta Collection and Transportation License issued pursuant to A.A.C. R18-8-613 (a septage hauler or pumper).
2. A Grade 2 or higher Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator licensed pursuant to A.A.C. R18-5-112 through R18-5-114.
3. An Arizona Registered Sanitarian with 2 years of experience with on-site wastewater treatment facilities.
4. An Arizona-registered Professional Engineer who applies the technical knowledge and skill which would be applied by all other registrants who practice in the field of on-site wastewater treatment facilities.
5. A Licensed Contractor pursuant to A.A.C. R4-9-103 (B-4 Residential License classification), R4-9-102 (A, A-12 and L-41 Commercial License classifications) or R4-9-104 (KA and K-41 Dual License classifications) that is authorized to install and repair septic tank treatment and disposal systems, aerobic digesters, septic tanks, and leach fields.
6. A person who is otherwise certified or approved as having knowledge and skills in the field of on-site wastewater treatment facilities and associated ADEQ rules.

C. Inspection of All Other Alternative Systems, Less Than 3,000 gpd Design Flow, and All On-site Systems With a Design Flow From 3,000 gpd to Less Than 24,000 gpd

1. A Grade 2 or higher Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator licensed pursuant to A.A.C. R18-5-112 through R18-5-114.
2. An Arizona Registered Sanitarian with 2 years of experience with on-site wastewater treatment facilities.
3. An Arizona-registered Professional Engineer who applies the technical knowledge and skill which would be applied by all other registrants who practice in the field of on-site wastewater treatment facilities.
4. A Licensed Contractor pursuant to A.A.C. R4-9-103 (B-4 Residential License classification), R4-9-102 (A, A-12 and L-41 Commercial License classifications), or R4-9-104 (KA and K-41 Dual License classifications) that is authorized to install and repair septic tank treatment and disposal systems, aerobic digesters, septic tanks, and leach fields.
5. A person who is otherwise certified or approved as having knowledge and skills in the field of on-site wastewater treatment facilities and associated ADEQ rules.